

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EFIN ETRD BR  
SUBJECT: LETTER FROM TREASURY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL TO MINISTER  
SIMONSEN

REF: STATE 040413

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM SENT TO BRASILIA FOR ACTION FROM STATE ON  
23 FEB 77 BEING REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO.

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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM TREASURY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL TO MINISTER  
SIMONSEN

ON FEBRUARY 18 TREASURY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL SIGNED  
A PERSONAL LETTER TO FINANCE MINISTER SIMONSEN. THE  
ADVANCE COPY OF THE TEXT APPEARS BELOW SO THAT EMBASSY  
MAY PROVIDE IT TO APPROPRIATE FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIALS  
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IN ANTICIPATION OF DEPIVERY OF LETTER, NOW EN ROUTE VIA POUCH.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MISTER INISTER: THANK YOU VERY  
MUCH FOR YOUR WARM CONGRATULATORY LETTER ON MY NEW  
ASSIGNMENT. TI IS VERY ENCOURAGING TO KNOW THAT THE  
TREASURY DEPARTMENT AND YOUR MINISTRY HAVE ENJOYED SUCH  
CLOSE AND CORDIAL WORKING RELATIONS. I LOK FORWARD TO

BUILDING UPON THAT CLOSE ASSOCIATION AS WE WORK TOGETHER  
TO BROADEN THE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN  
THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL FIELD.

YOU HAVE SUGGESTED A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF TOPICS FOR  
DISCUSSION BETWEEN YOUR MINISTRY AND THE TREASURY, AND  
I AGREE THAT THESE ARE PROBLEMS THAT MERIT CLOSE ATTENTION  
AND CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS. I WOULD  
ALSO LIKE TO PROPOSE AN ADDITIONAL SUBJECT FOR OUR  
DISCUSSION -- THE GROWING CONCERN IN THE UNITED  
STATES ABOUT SOARING COFFEE PRICES.

I MOST WARMLY WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU  
TO DISCUSS IN DEPT THE WIDE RANGE OF ECONOMIC AND  
FINANCIAL ISSUES OF CONCERN TO OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. IF  
WASHINGTON FOR MARCH 4. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THIS  
IS CONVENIENT TO YOU.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR LETTER, AND I GREATLY LOOK FOR-  
WARD TO MEETING WITH YOU NEXT MONTH. WITH PERSONAL  
REGARDS, SINCERELY YOURS, W. MICHAEL BLUMENTHAL.  
END QUOTE.  
VANCE

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